

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of SBC Communications Inc. ("SBC") and AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") for Authorization to Transfer Control of AT&T Communications of California (U-5002), TCG Los Angeles, Inc. (U-5462), TCG San Diego (U-5389), and TCG San Francisco (U-5454) to SBC, Which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of AT&T's Merger With a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of SBC, Tau Merger Sub Corporation.

Application 05-02-027
(Filed February 28, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SHORTENING TIME FOR REPLIES TO MOTION**

On May 5, 2005, The Utility Reform Network (TURN) filed a "Motion to Compel and Reclassify Discovery Responses" ("Motion to Compel") in this proceeding. Specifically, TURN seeks an order to compel SBC Communications, Inc. and AT&T Corp. (collectively, "Joint Applicants") to provide a complete, electronic copy of the "national synergy model" as well as full documentation and supporting material concerning the model and complete responses to specific TURN data requests including providing complete versions of six "no copies" documents.

Pursuant to Rule 45 *et seq.* of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, TURN also seeks an order shortening the time to respond to its concurrently filed Motion to Compel. Specifically, TURN requests that the Commission order Joint Applicants to respond to TURN's Motion to Compel by May 10, 2005.

Because Joint Applicants were fully aware of TURN's request for access to any and all information relating to estimated merger savings and other benefits since at least March 16, 2005, TURN argues that a shortening of time for response will not be prejudicial to Joint Applicants. TURN also argues that Joint Applicants have already formulated their rationale for denying TURN access to the materials in question and have made those arguments in Joint Applicants' Joint Reply to Protests.¹

TURN's request to shorten time for replies is reasonable under the circumstances, and is hereby granted.

IT IS RULED that the due date for replies by the Joint Applicants to TURN's Motion to Compel is hereby shortened to May 10, 2005.

Dated May 6, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ THOMAS R. PULSIFER

Thomas R. Pulsifer
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Joint Reply of SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp. to Protests (April 29, 2005), p. 20 (Joint Reply).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time for Replies to Motion on all parties or their attorneys of record in this proceeding.

Dated May 6, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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